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KNIGHT TERRORS: SHAZAM!



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It's a
nightmare.

My family burned
to ashes by the
magic lightning of
Shazam--

--lightning
weaponized by
my own brother,
turned evil--

--and now it
comes for me.

BOOM



KNIGHT TERRORS:
SHAZAM!
IN YOUR DREAMS

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A mysterious and deadly new villain named Insomnia has struck! The entire world has been forced into eternal slumber, including all the heroes and villains, as Insomnia searches their dreams for the Nightmare Stone. Can the heroes survive being trapped within their darkest fears?



But Mr. Black Suit
there overplayed
his hand in trying
to scare me.

All he did was
remind me that
I'm in a dream.

He didn't kill
my family. He
couldn't have.

You can't die from
someone else's
nightmare.

My dream--

--my
rules.



AND YOU.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT OR WHO YOU ARE--

I'M **THE CAPTAIN!**
I'M **BILLY!**



YOU'RE **NOTHING** LIKE BILLY! HE'S **BRAVE** AND **KIND!** YOU'RE SOME SORT OF...OF **PESTILENCE** IN MY HEAD!

YOU'VE NO CLUE WHAT YOU'RE **BABBLING** ABOUT!



STUPID **NIGHTMARE!** DID YOU DO ANY RESEARCH AT ALL BEFORE YOU BROKE INTO MY MIND? YOU SAID IT **YOURSELF!**

I POSSESS THE **WISDOM** OF MINERVA!



KNOWING THINGS IS, LIKE, MY **DEAL!**



ALL OF THIS
BODY HORROR
STUFF? ALL THE
JUMP SCARES?
KID STUFF.

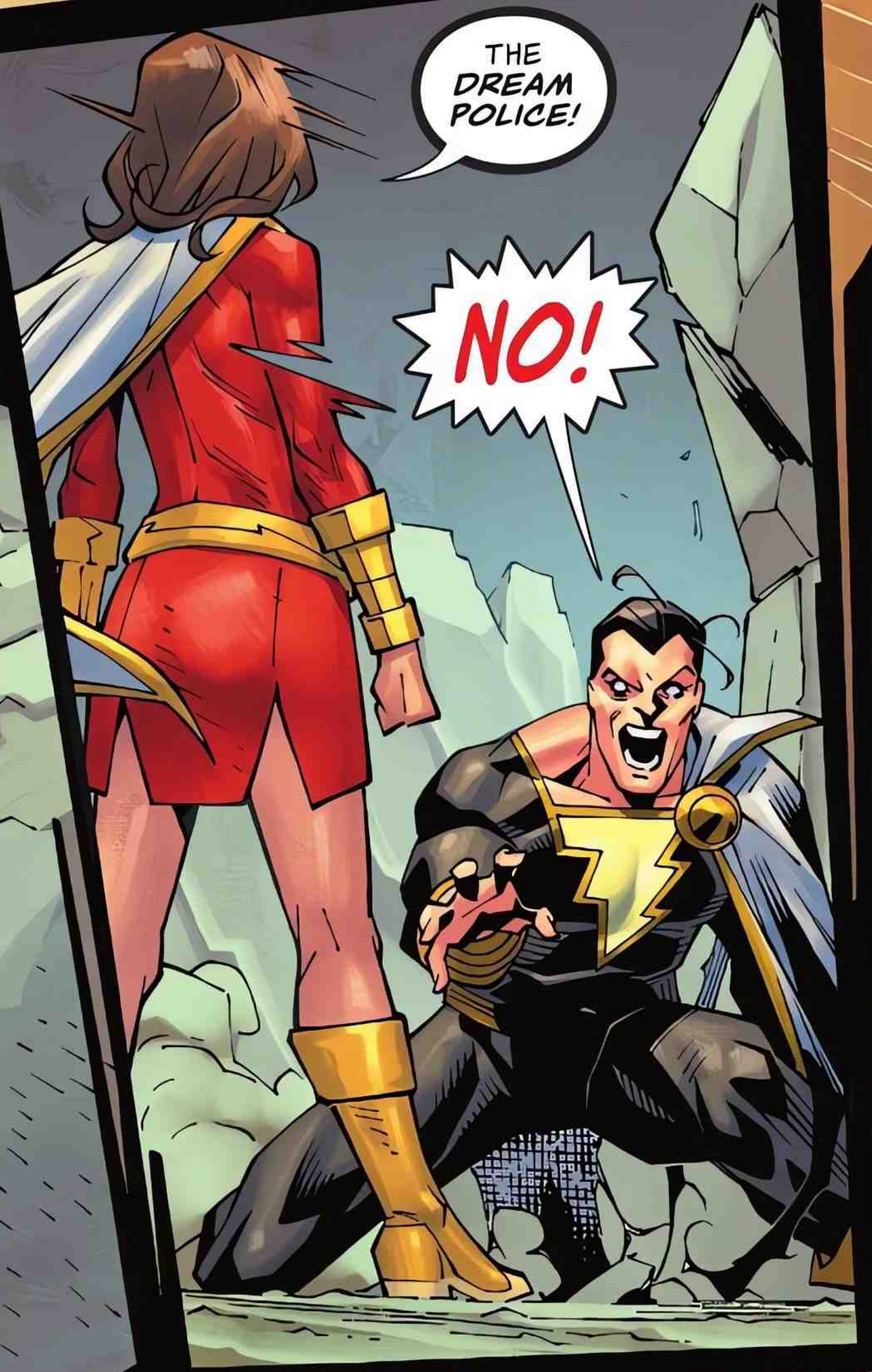
YOU ALSO SAID
SOMETHING ABOUT
A NIGHTMARE WAVE...
THAT YOU'RE IN
OTHER PEOPLE'S
DREAMS, TOO.

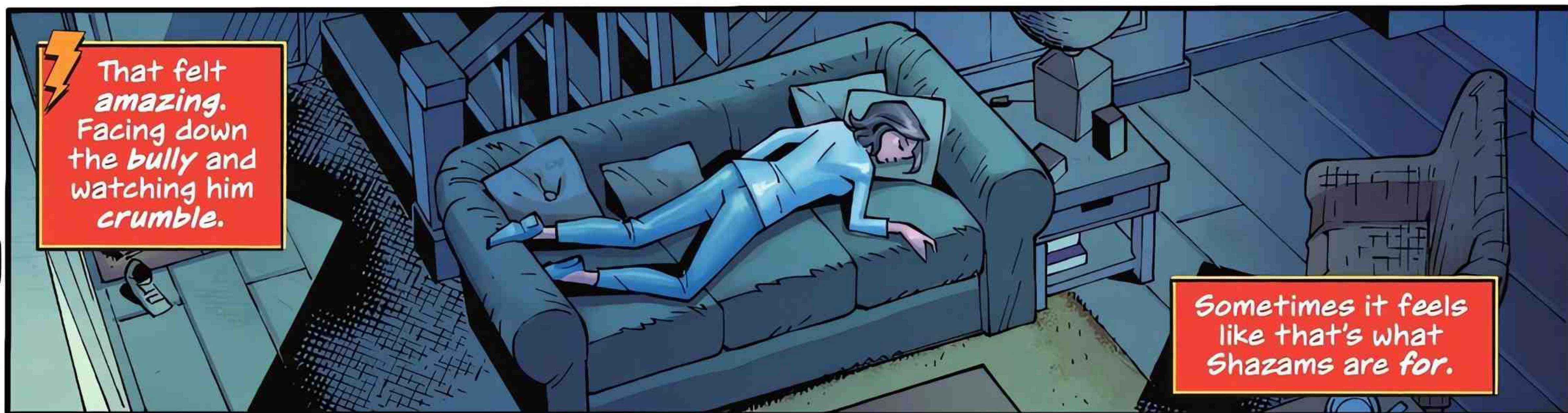


KNOW
WHAT THAT
MAKES ME,
THEN?

THE
DREAM
POLICE!

NO!





That felt amazing. Facing down the bully and watching him crumble.

Sometimes it feels like that's what Shazams are for.



I almost hope I run into the Nightmare Captain again, but no.

First priority is to protect my family.



Billy's not home. I'll worry about him later.

Darla first. Always.

NO...
GO AWAY...

OH NO.



She's having a nightmare for sure. But is it just a scary dream--

IT'S OKAY, DARLA, HONEY. MARY'S HERE. SHOW ME WHAT'S THE TROUBLE.

--or is it something worse?



NO! GO AWAY! I DON'T WANT YOU!

DARLA?

⚡
Giants?
Why...?

Angry...
giant...

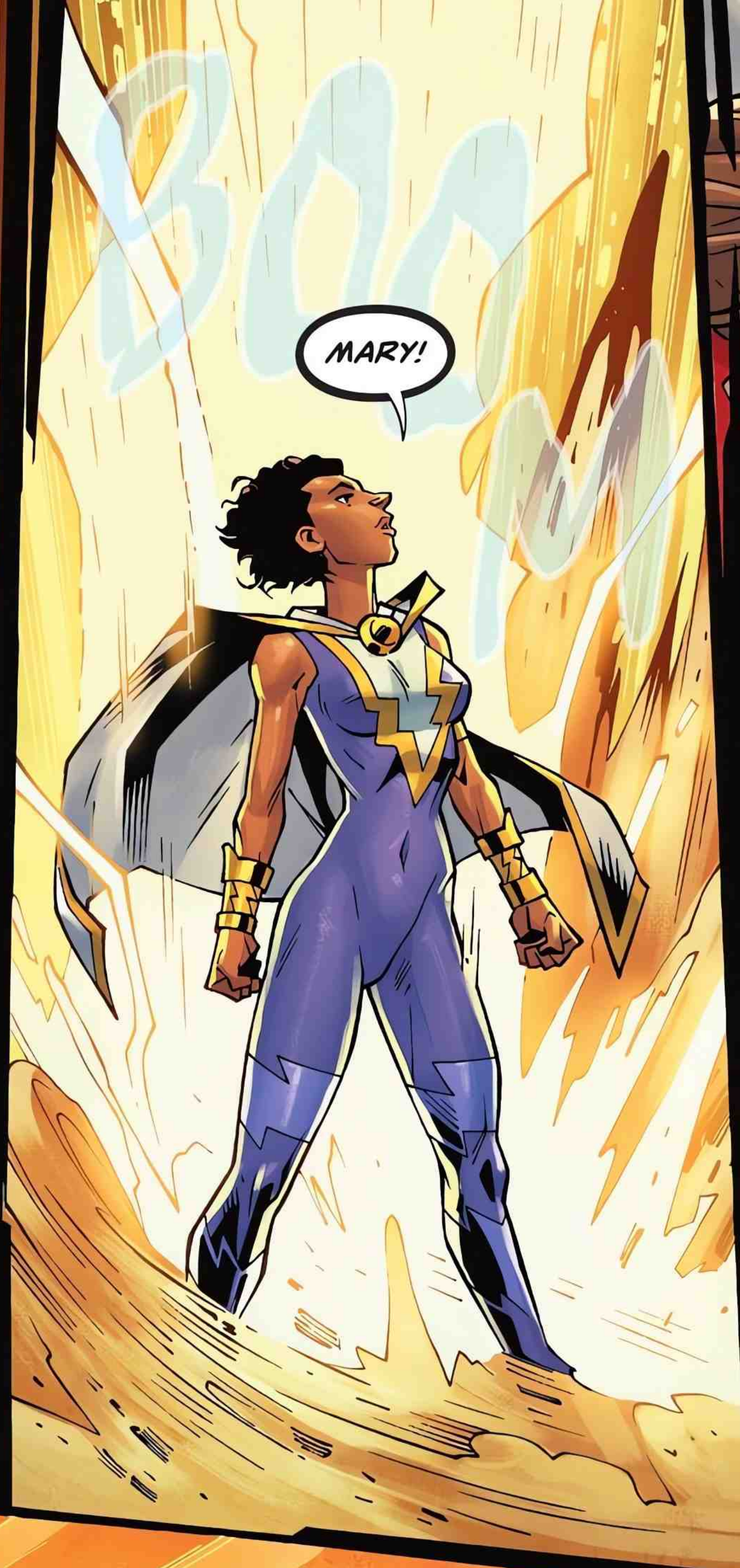
...adults.
Of course.

Darla's the *littlest*.
This is a *caricature* of
her *experience*--her size,
her vulnerability.

Her subconscious is
working out her *issues*.
But she's not in any
immediate danger.
She can handle this.

I've got to
look in on the
others.

I've
got to.







MOSCOVIUM.

ATOMIC
WEIGHT 289
U.

YOU'RE JUST
GUESSING.

I'M
NOT!

POPULATION
OF EUGENE...
OREGON.

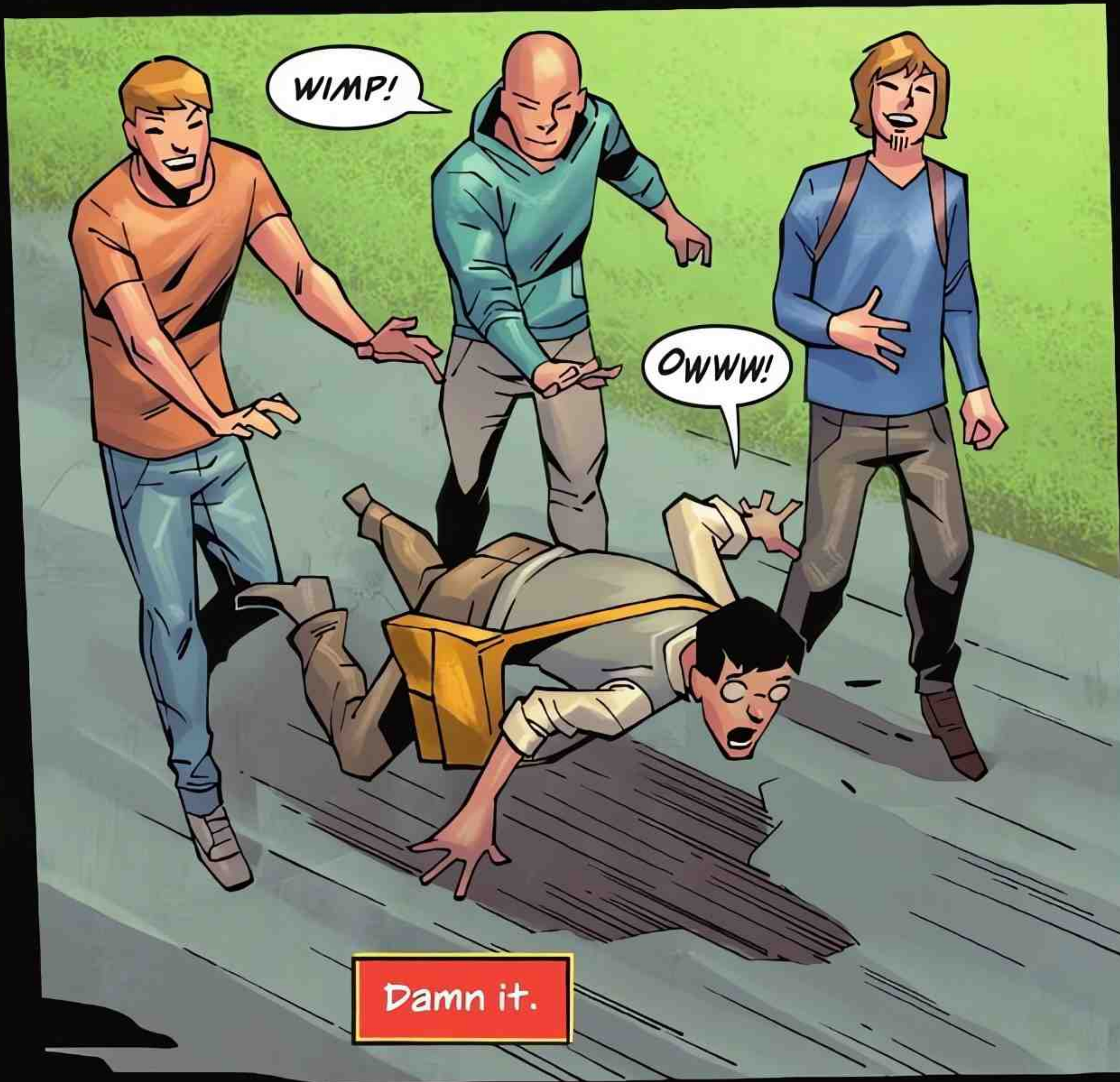
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WOW.
WHAT **DON'T**
YOU KNOW,
BRAINIAC?

This is actually sort
of heartwarming.

These are Eugene's best *school* friends--
the very people he expected to *bully* him.

This isn't a
nightma--



WIMP!

OWWW!

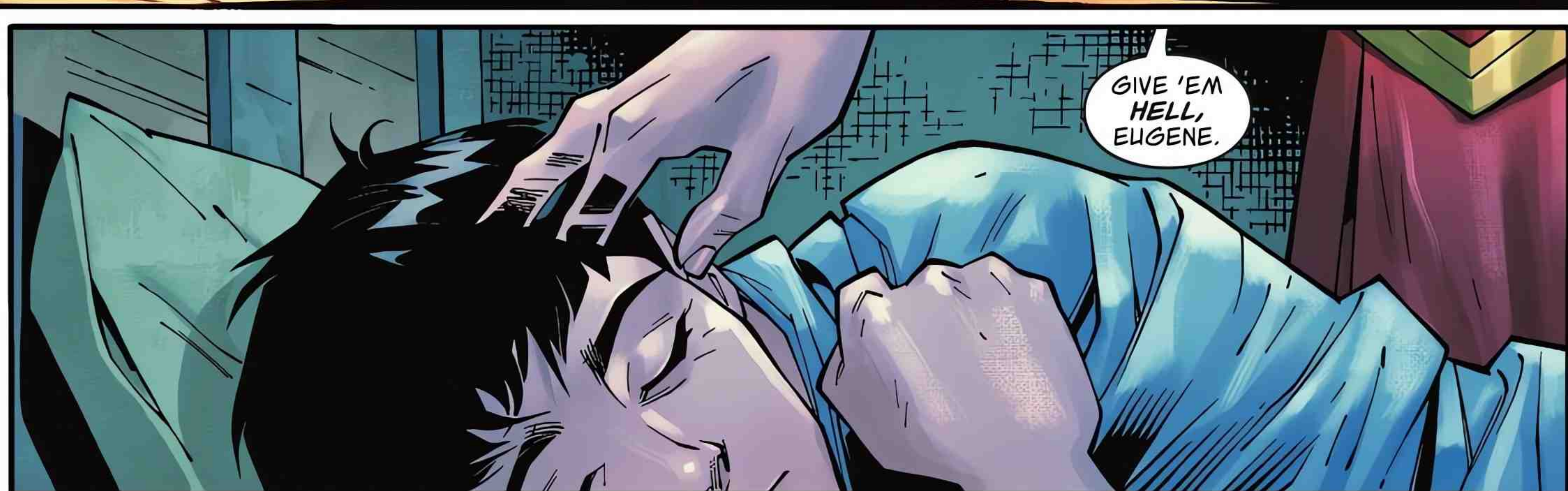
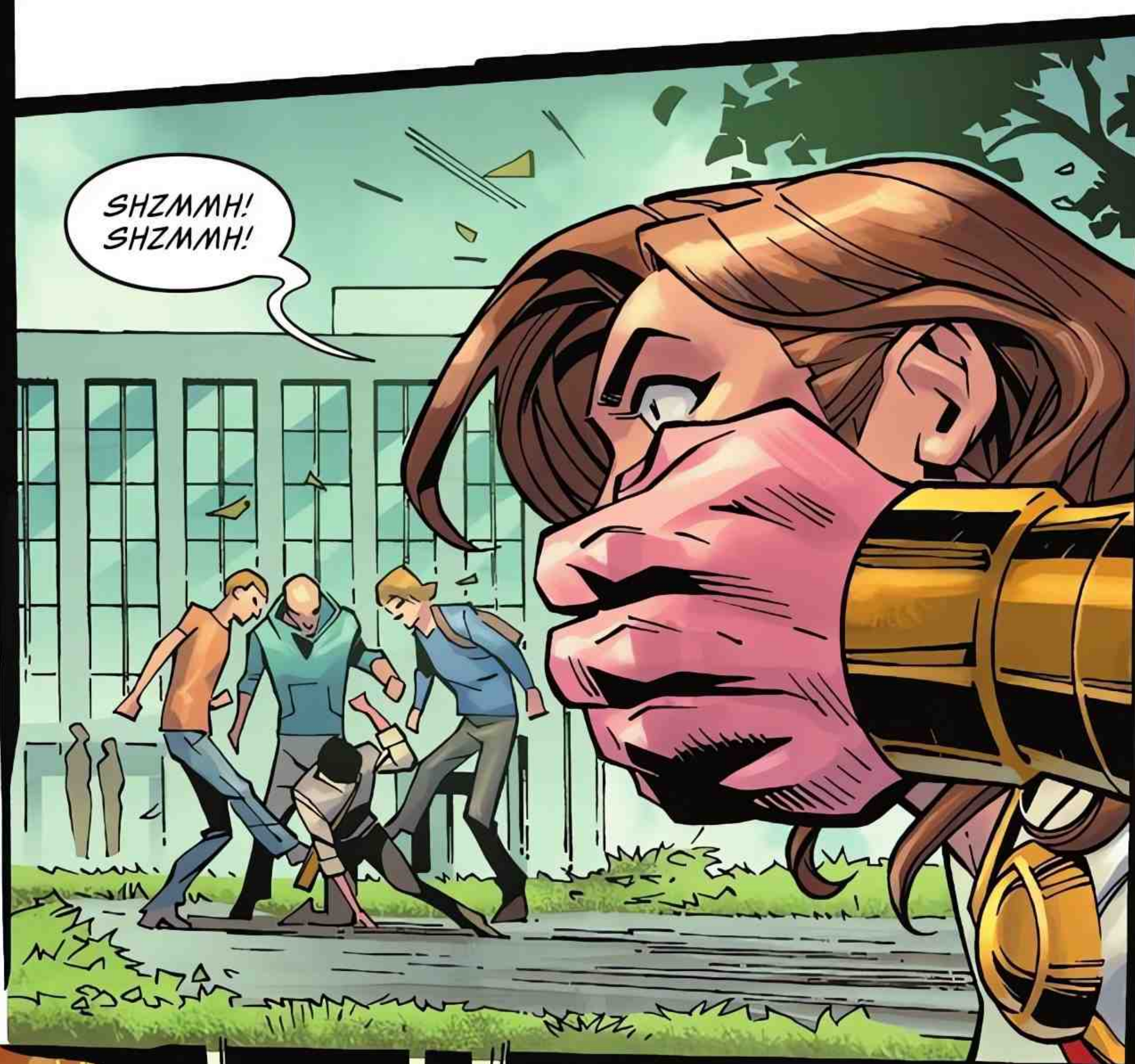
Damn it.

Like Darla,
he needs the
power. He--

==NNGH!==

IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
WHOSE DREAM
YOU'RE IN,
CHILD.

I RULE
THEM
ALL.



...AND SO
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
BECAME, UH,
THE FATHER OF
OUR, OF OUR
COUNTRY...

⚡ This one's
easy.

Pedro
just
needs
pants.

SHAZAM!



HOLY MOLEY!
WHAT HAPPENED TO **FREDDY'S HEAD?!**

But don't ask me where Freddy's nightmare came from.

SHAZAM!



Dad's dream. I'm not seeing psychology at work here. This one's just a good old-fashioned monster attack.

SSSSS!

SSSSS!

SHAZAM!

SHAZAM!

SSSSS!



MARY?

SSSSS!

Why isn't it working on him--?

DUH.

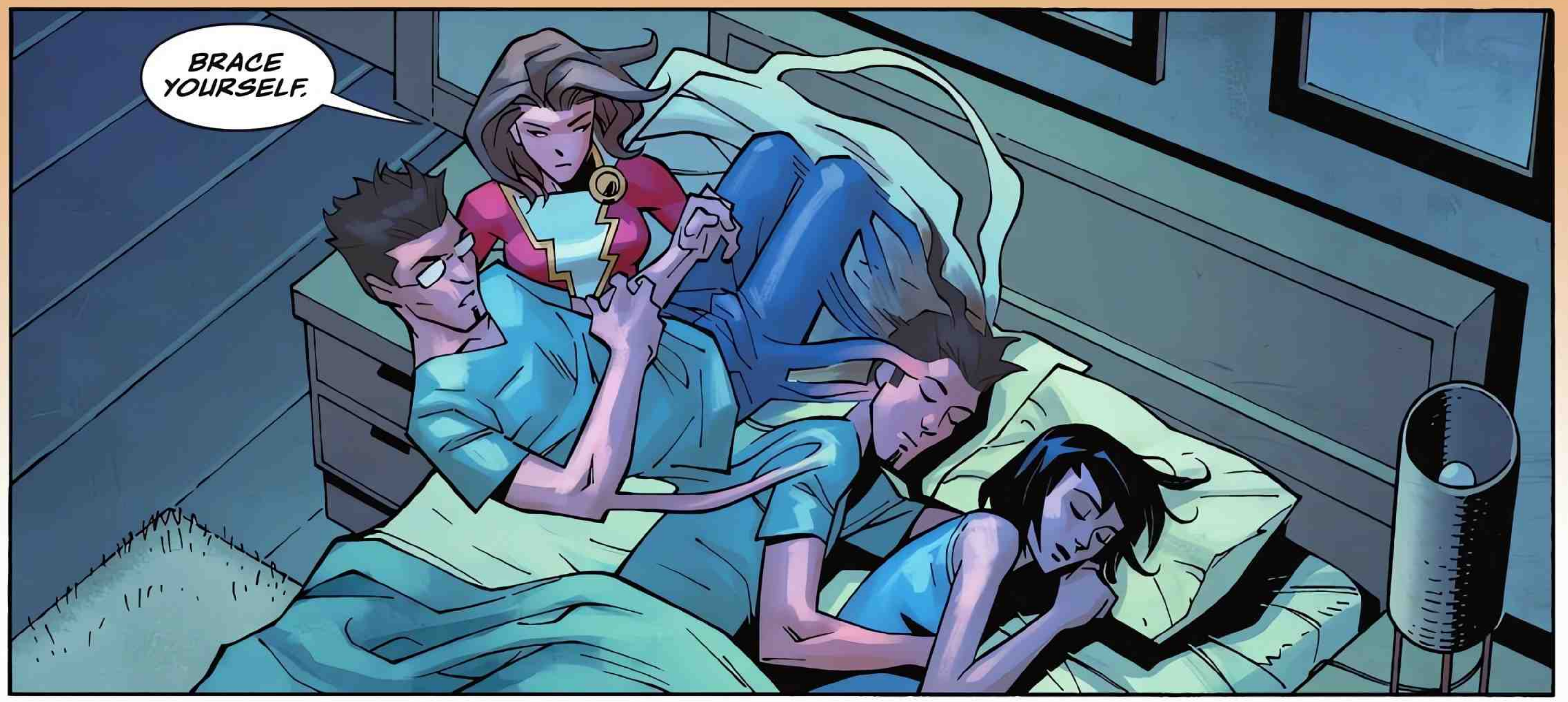
OUR PARENTS DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE THE POWERS. EVEN WITH MY HELP, THEY CAN'T DREAM THEMSELVES INTO ONE OF US!

MARY...?

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN. WE'RE GOING TO TRY SOMETHING.



SSSSS!



BRACE YOURSELF.



WHERE--?

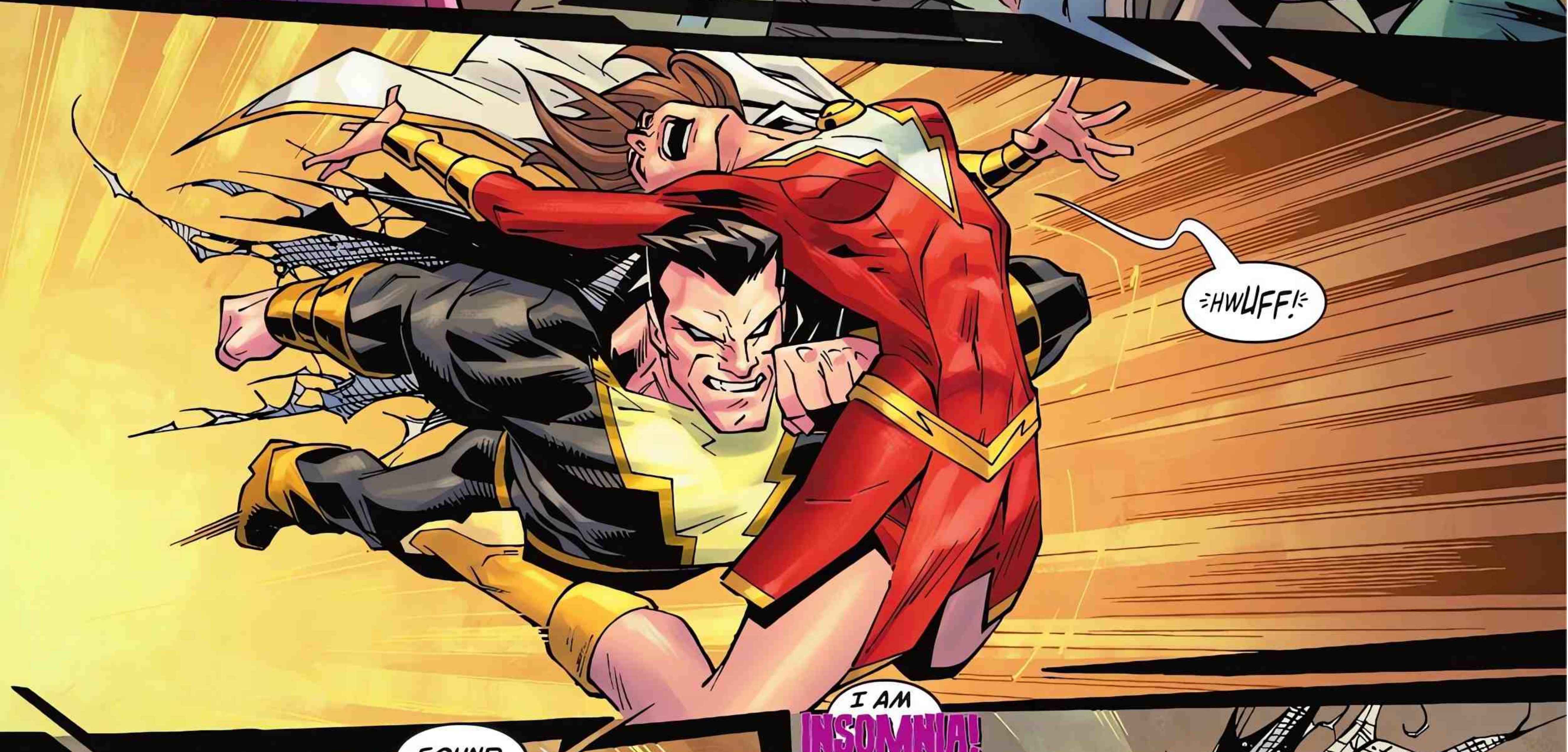
WE'RE INSIDE
MOM'S DREAM.
TRY NOT TO
THINK ABOUT IT
TOO HARD.



SHE'S
TORMENTED
JUST LIKE YOU
WERE, BUT
HERE'S THE
THING--



AVAST, YE
FLEA-BITTEN
SEA DOGS!







⚡ NO!

Can't--
break
loose--



Billy's so much
bigger than me--

--all I
do--



--is get
smaller--

--more
insignificant.



He finally found it.
My worst nightmare.

That the Captain
will get so big, so
important--



--that no one will
even remember
Mary Marvel.





WHY
AREN'T YOU
AFRAID?

WHY
AREN'T YOU
AFRAID?

IT'S RIGHT
THERE IN THE
MAGIC WORD,
CREEP! WE'VE
GOT THE
POWERS OF SIX
GODS--

--INCLUDING
THE **COURAGE** OF
ACHILLES!

HA!

MARY,
LAST CALL!
READY?

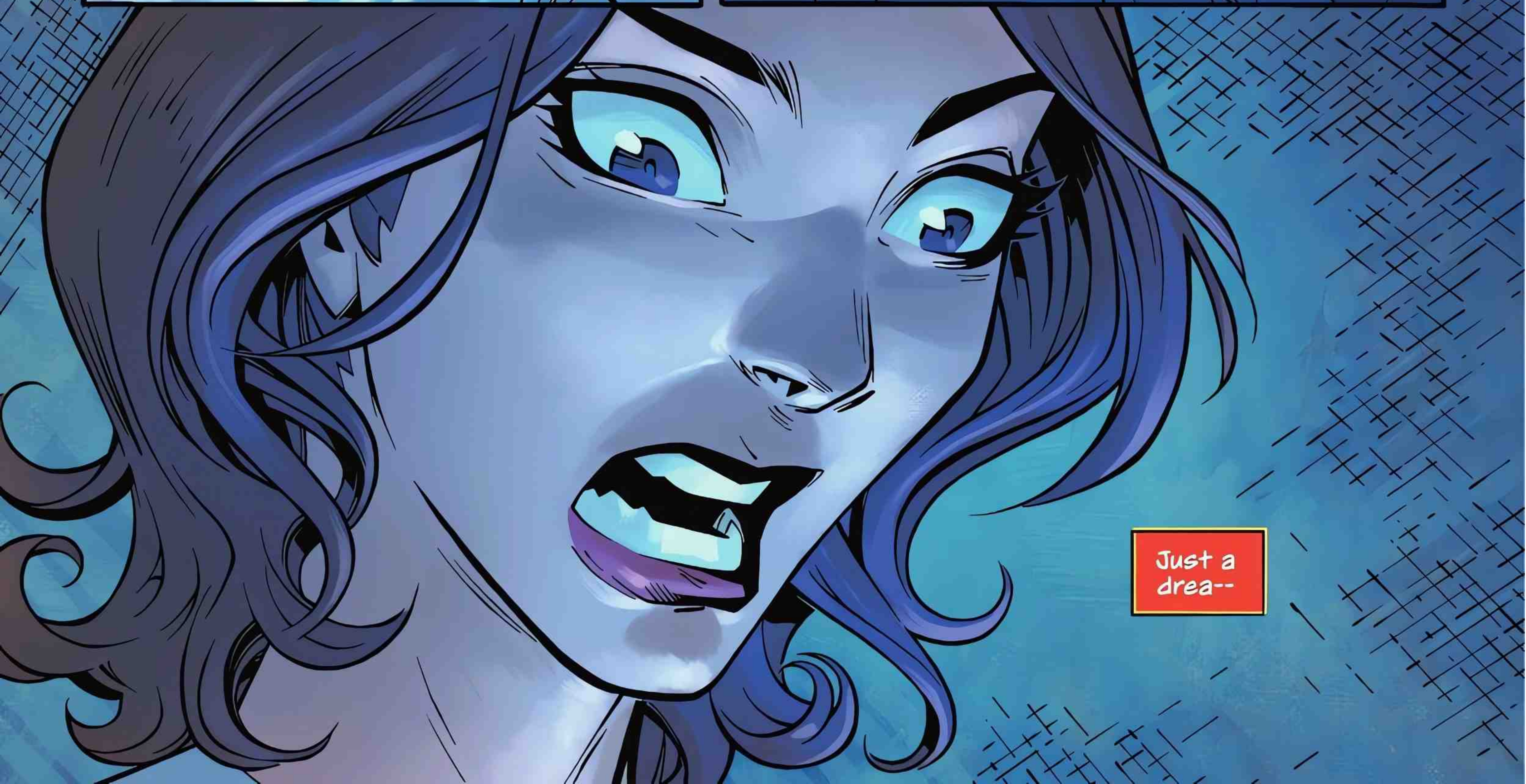
OH,
YEAH!

THOOM

THIS
IS YOUR
REALM?

WELL, YOU
CAN HAVE IT,
PAL! IT'S ALL
YOURS!

GOOD
RIDDANCE!





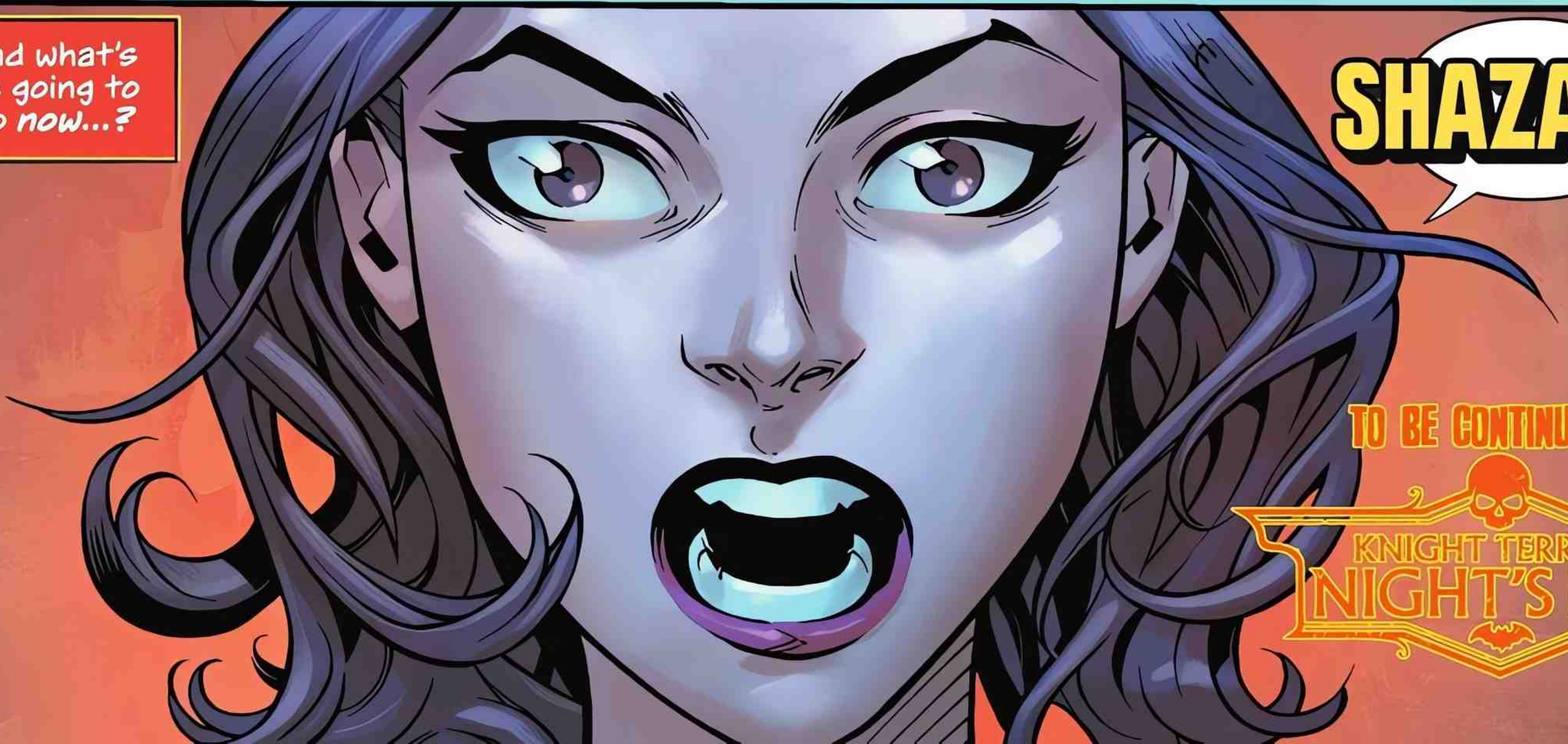
He's...
he's...

How?

How is he
real?



And what's
he going to
do now...?



SHAZAM!

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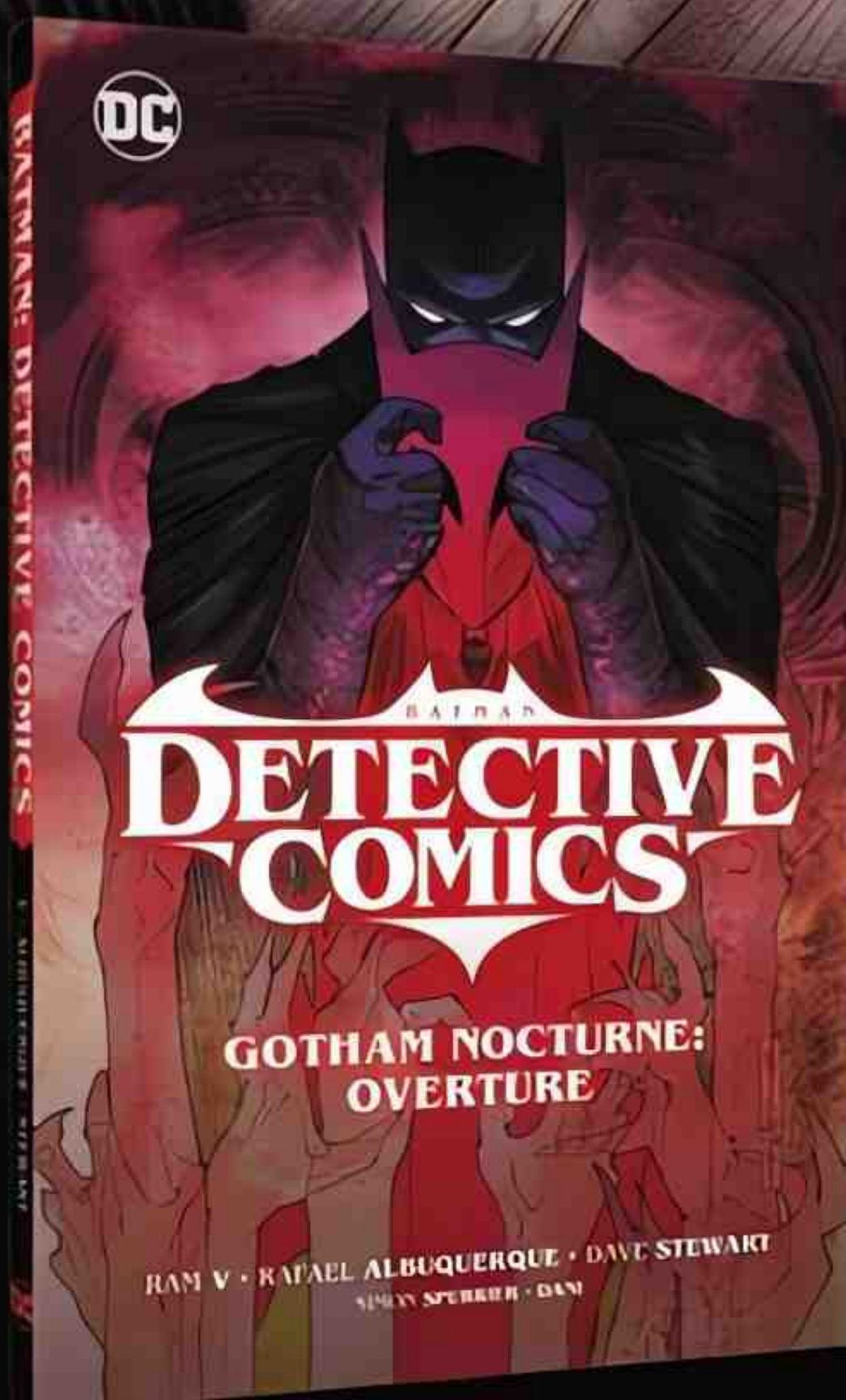
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RUDY IN

Blue Beetle



What can you tell us about Rudy, your character in the film?

On my last trip to Atlanta, I was in a car and I looked out the window and there was a guy working for the city with about a 10-inch goatee, glasses, long hair, and a city orange vest that had no sleeves, and I thought, man, that's me. I like the idea that we're so quick to judge somebody by the way they look, and Rudy is a bit of a contradiction from the way that he looks.

Why do you think the scarab chose Jaime Reyes as its host?

I think it chose Jaime because it knew that he's a good guy. The scarab chose somebody who would use their powers for good. If you go back into the bug lair and you see Ted Kord's previous Blue Beetle uniforms it was from a guy that had money, was a little bit eccentric, and would create these outfits for himself...but he couldn't fly anywhere.

What can fans expect from Blue Beetle's costume?

You've seen nothing until you've seen the Blue Beetle costume deploy and the pincers retract! It's amazing to see him fly and fight. He operates in a dark blue and black costume, similar to charcoal, which may be the coolest colors of all time. It feels more like a skin than an actual costume. I've seen a lot of bugs in my day, but I've never seen one that looks like that.

How is being a part of Blue Beetle meaningful to you?

As an actor, I've been fortunate enough to have done stand-up for a long time, had my own show named after me, and a number of other incredible things in my career. However, I would have hated to not be involved in this project. If I wasn't cast in this movie it would've been heartbreaking in a sense, but I'm honored to be a part of it. To know that you're specifically chosen to be in this great project, and give life to a guy like Rudy, is beyond an honor.



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